

**Town of Embden**  
**Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons**  
March 3rd, 2022, 6:15pm at the Embden Town Office

**Board Members in Attendance:** Charles Taylor, Wayne McLaughlin, Janice Welch

**Other Officials Present:** Ruth Blake, Terriann Lamontagne, Leo Mayo, Josh Nunes, Ann Bridges

**Members of the Public Present:** Betty Pratt, Amy Champany, Bobbi Hoffman, Jack Gartner

**Minutes recorded by:** Christine Jablon

1. **Call to Order:** Charles called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. Approved February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, minutes: Janice made motion to approve the minutes as written. Wayne seconded. Passed 3-0.
  - b. Review Town Warrant – (AP # 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, and Payroll #20) – All signed and approved.
  - c. Bank Reconciliation- January Bank Reconciliation signed.
4. **Appointments and Resignations-**None
5. **Presentation-** None
6. **Executive Session-** None
7. **Department Officials' Reports**
  - a. E-911 – Nothing to report
  - b. Winter Roads Contractor – Betty Pratt said a big “Thank you” to Josh Nunes. Not only does she feel that our town roads are the best around. Also, when she was stuck in the snowbank during a storm, Josh pulled stopped to help. He got her out. Josh just ordered more salt.
  - c. Animal Control – Nothing to report
  - d. Assessor – Due to car issues, Shirley will not be in tomorrow.
  - e. Planning Board – Leo turned the Minimum Standards Ordinance into the Select Board.
  - f. Local Plumbing Inspector – None
  - g. Board of Appeals – None
  - h. Code Enforcement Officer – Having a problem enforcing tree planting after the tree permit has been approved.
  - i. Health Officer- Mask mandates have been lifted.
  - j. Road Commissioner – Nothing to report
  - k. R.S.U. #74 – School Board lifted mask mandate.
  - l. Town Clerk/Treasurer- Christy has been working with the Auditor to finish the audit. It will not be ready for town meeting. Select Board voted to move to Keel as our new Auditor. Janice made motion; Wayne seconded. Passed 3-0
  - m. Registrar of Voters – Getting ready for Municipal Elections tomorrow, and Town Meeting on Saturday.
  - n. Tax Collector – There is only \$94,833.21 left to collect for 2021 taxes.
  - o. Community Center- The next community dinner will be March 12<sup>th</sup>. A plumber is needed for the boy’s bathroom. There is a leaky pipe.
8. **Unfinished Business** – Selectboard will be meeting next Thursday night for a work session for the 2022 budget.

**New Business** – The Broadband committee gave a presentation for everything they have learned. They recommend that Embden align with the SEDC and other communities and commit the ARPA funds to secure the grants available. Chuck made motion except their recommendation. Wayne seconded. Passed 3-0. Chuck followed by another motion that we will commit the remainder of the ARPA funds we have left. Not the full \$95,000.00 the Town has/will receive. Wane Seconded. Passes 3-0 Chuck then retracted my motion for remaining ARPA funds. They will vote next meeting with a clarification of funds.

9. **Correspondence-** Selectboard signed Franklin County Animal Shelter contract.
10. **Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum-**
11. **Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment** –
  - a. Next regularly scheduled meeting – April 7th, 2022.
  - b. Janice made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Wayne seconded, and the Board voted 3-0 to adjourn at 7:44 pm.